

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM L 1 UPON HIS RETURN FROM COPAN,  
WHICH HE OBTAINED THROUGH OTHER PERSONS WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM THE PLACES  
TO WHICH THE INFORMATION REFERS.

1. CHIQUIMULA (Capital) At the Military Base there are 78 troops and  
about 8 officers, including the departmental governor.

ARMAMENT:

25 machine guns, between LMGs and SMGs

78 Skodac (Czech) 5 shot rifles

3 armored cars

2 tanks

In addition there is a reserve stock of guns - total number unknown.

Two armored cars with frequency at night for San Pedro Pinula, depart-  
ment of Jalapa, where there is a concentration of members of the Caribbean  
Legion directed by General Ramirez, at the experimental farm, general head-  
quarters of the Caribbean Legion.

At the command post of the Base they have 3 anti-aircraft machine guns  
cal. 50 ready to fire.

The Civil Guard is divided into two corps:

FIRST:

38 men

25 SMGs and Czech rifles to arm government civilians.

SECOND CORPS:

18 men. Each man with his gun plus stock for equipping civilians  
in case of emergency.

In all the peasant unions they have been distributing arms of Czech

manufacture of Russian.

Through anti-communist individuals that have been able to infiltrate the Communist ranks to get information we have been able to verify that the normal institutes of boys and girls are reserved to be able to concentrate communist people there. Likewise, the national schools: Macario Rivas - Flor-encio Mendez, Transito Flores and Abraham Cerezo.

At the Granja Pecuaria Nacional (National Cattle Farm) in Petapia and at the home of Napoleon Morales there are arms, and the informant says this information is certain.

It seems strange that there are few people on the Military Base, but it is because the majority have been concentrated in Zacapa.

LIST OF THE HOUSES WHERE IT IS PROBABLE THAT THERE ARE ARMS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE DIRECTORS OF AGRARIAN AND PEASANT GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT POLITICAL PARTIES.

J. Antonio Monroy (diputado)  
Angel Paiz Mejia (diputado)  
Marco Tulio Giron  
Carlos Alberto Giron S.  
Hugo Rene Sagastume  
Pedro Orellana  
Rafael Cardona  
Oliverio Zuniga  
Narciso Guerra  
Humberto Saenz  
Licenciado Humberto Alonzo (hondureno)  
Doctor Adolfo Rossal  
Profesor Vicente Castaneda Salguero  
Sr. y ferrocarrilero Alirio Recinos (comunista)  
Juan Ramon Monroy (Tito)  
Humberto Cervantez  
Rigoberto Diaz  
Jose Mendez  
Gregorio Cetino  
Jubal Cetino  
Francisco Cetino  
Carlos Aquino  
Rafael Mata

Javier Zuniga  
Los Hijos de Jose Jordan Samayoa (3)  
Dr. Alfredo Espana  
Ruben Guillen  
Tito Cabrera  
Rene Sagas  
Roberto Cabrera (miembro del partido comunista)  
Marco Tulio Giron  
Mario Valdes Diaz

The ambulant Civil Guard that had its headquarters in Jocotan was concentrated in Chiquimula, 10 guards and one leader.

At Copan Ruinas are Lucio Arroyo Corea, Francisco Arroyo Corea and Juan Paiz, who have as their mission to advise the people not to join the organized opposition because it is lost - they are from the Union.

Also in Copan are Felix Mandal (Turk), director of the reds of Copan, and Eliseo Sandoval, Guatemalan who serves as courier for the communists of Guatemala, passes as an emigrant; they are interested in discovering our movements.

Andres Cuestas, who lives in Copan, says he is anti-communist and tries to infiltrate our ranks, but our agent there [ ] has been establishing that he works with the Guatemalan Consul in Copan and that he is a communist (Cuestas).

Director of the reds, AGUSTIN RECONOS, is going and coming to Jocotan perhaps carrying information and bringing communist propaganda.

Joaquin Aguilar (Bonduran), resident of Copan, is a Communist; he has just gone to Guatemala, delivering propaganda and returning with instructions and money to spend on vigilance of our friends.

Andres Cuestas has an anti-communist card issued in Camotan and therefore has access to infiltrating our ranks.

The Colonel who is Chief of the defense of Copan, wants negotiations made with the Minister of Government to have them called to this capital and have their attention called, including the Guatemalan spies.

[ ] who has been a friend of ours, arrived in Copan for the purpose of coming here; in fact, instructions were given to him to come, but it is assured that later he spoke with the Guatemalan Consul and returned to the village where he resides in Lanchor, Zacapa; he said he was going to return on Saturday, the 12th, and take the plane. This information on [ ] was given by [ ]

In Florido, a border place in Guatemalan territory, there is a military detachment composed of 1 officer, 10 soldiers; there is a telegraph. One kilometer away is the Civil Guard, composed of one sergeant and 2 guards. FRANCISCO MEJIA CASASOLA was detached from the Union to investigate our movements, he traveled through Jocotan via Copan Ruinas, where he is now. VIVIANO SORIANO and his son MOISES BARRIENTOS, who deserted from our ranks and were in one of our training camps, are in Copan; they insist on finding out what persons that they knew who arrive in that region are doing; they say that they are going to complain to the authorities if their identification papers are not returned to them, denouncing all that they have seen.

MIGUEL TABERA (Honduran) received a gun at the detachment of El Florido to take to the Guatemalan Consul in Copan.

The Guatemalan Consul has prepared his trip to this city next Saturday, the 12th, through an urgent call, and it is certain that he will leave here for Guatemala.

REPORT AS TO HIS MISSION

The place where instruction is given was on the border 3 kilometers from the military detachment of El Florido and about 500 meters from the dividing line, about 300 meters from the road, to the left going from here on the land of an uncle of [ ] the shed is in a dale within a coffee plantation; it is a sugar mill; the shed is about 10 by 8 varas. (Vara = about 2.8 feet).

[ ] reports that the equipment may now be sent and that, if another place is needed, it can be constructed in 3 days.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR TRAINING IN

COPAN, in charge of Instructor [ ]

1.	[ ]	of Chiquimula
2.	[ ]	of Chiquimula
3.	[ ]	of Chiquimula
4.	[ ]	of Chiquimula
5.	[ ]	of Camotan
6.	[ ]	of Zacapa
7.	[ ]	of Zacapa
8.	[ ]	of Zacapa
9.	[ ]	of Zacapa
10.	[ ]	of Zacapa
11.	[ ]	of Zacapa - is already here
12.	[ ]	of Zacapa - is already here

RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR AGENT IN COPAN DON ISIDRO CARRENA:

That L. 500.00 be sent to him, half in quetzales, because he is in charge of the feeding of the persons he has there and those who are arriving and other work, as well as for the other operational activities.

12 ponchos for those who are going to sleep there.

That the credential of Instructor [ ] be sent to him.

[ ] 9 June 1954.

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